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WEDNESDAY, MAY 4. 1785.

## THEATRE-ROYAL.

By Particular Desire.

### Mrs BULKLEY'S NIGHT.

On THURSDAY Evening, May 5. 1785, will be presented,

The celebrated Comedy of

### RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE.

Written by Beaumont and Fletcher, and altered by David Garrick, Esq.

Michael Perez, the Copper Captain, Mr WARD;  
Cacafogo, Mr HALLION;—Duke of Medina, Mr SPARKS;  
Don Juan de Castro, Mr BELL;—Alonso, Mr DAVIS;  
Sauchio, Mr J. BLAND;—Lorenzo, Mr BLAND, Jun-;  
And Leon, Mr WOODS.  
Marganita, Mrs WOODS;  
Altea, Mrs MILLS;—Clara, Mrs MOUNTFORT;  
Old Woman, Mr KIPPLING;—Old Woman's Maid, Mr CHARTERIS;  
And Elifania, Mrs BULKLEY.

End of the Play, "BELLES HAVE AT YE ALL," by Mrs BULKLEY.

To which will be added, a Farce, called, The

### DEUCE IS IN HIM.

Colonel Tamper, Mr WARD;  
Colonel Bedford, Mr BELL;—And Prattle, Mr EVERARD.  
Mademoiselle Florival, Mrs WILMOT-WELLS;—Bell, Mrs WOODS;  
And Emily, Mrs BULKLEY.  
Tickets to be had of Mrs Bulkley, at Mr Stevenson's, Painter, Shake-  
spere Square; and of Mr Gibb, at the Theatre, where places for the  
Boxes may be taken.

For the Benefit of Mr HALLION.

On SATURDAY Evening, May 7. 1785,

Will be presented, a Comedy, called, A

### WONDER! A WOMAN KEEPS A SECRET.

Don Felix, Mr WOODS;  
Colonel Britton, Mr WAYLETT;  
Lisardo, Mr LA-MASH;  
And Gibb, Mr HALLION.  
Isabella, Mrs WOODS;  
Floa, Mrs SPARKS;—Inis, Mrs KIPPLING;  
And Violante, Mrs BULKLEY.  
End of the Play, the Musical Interlude of

### LINCO'S TRAVELS.

Linco, Mr HALLION.  
To which will be added (not acted these three years) a FARCE,

### THE SULTAN,

OR, A

### PEEP INTO THE SERAGLIO.

Solyman (the Sultan), Mr WOODS;  
And Oflayn, Mr HALLION.  
Elmira, Mrs WAYLETT;  
Ismene (with Songs in character), Mrs HENDERSON;  
And Roxalena, Mrs BULKLEY.

After the Play, will be introduced,

### A Grand Transparent Painting of the Celebrated Story of GENERAL WOLFE'S VICTORY AND DEATH AT QUEBEC.

As exhibited last Season, with universal Admiration.

Tickets to be had of Mr HALLION, back of Prince's Street.

On MONDAY Evening, May 9. 1785, will be presented,

A Comedy, called, A

### BOLD STROKE FOR A HUSBAND.

End of Act III. By Particular Desire,

### BUCKS HAVE AT YE ALL;

OR, THE

### PICTURE OF A PLAY-HOUSE.

By Mr WARD.

End of the Play, a Favourite Duet, called, The

### Tobacco Box; or, Soldier's Pledge of Love.

By Mr BELL, AND Mrs HENDERSON.

To which will be added, (acted here but once these three years),

Mr Sheridan's celebrated Entertainment of

### HE CRITIC;

OR,

### A TRAGEDY REHEARS'D.

Tickets delivered by Messrs Mountfort, Sparks, Charteris, Wilmot-Wells,  
Everard, J. Bland, and Mrs Henderson, will be admitted.

### CLOVER SEED.

JUST arrived from Rotterdam, in the Adventure, Capt. Turnbull, a  
quantity of Red and White CLOVER SEED, warranted new and of  
the best quality; to be sold by THOMAS WAUGH, Leith.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON,

### The DILIGENCE,

PHILIP BUTLER Master,

Now laying on the birth in Leith harbour,  
taking in goods for London, and will sail on  
the 10th May.

This ship has excellent accommodation for  
passengers.

AT LONDON—FOR LEITH,

### THE MARY,

JAMES BOYD for JOHN HAY,

MASTER.

Now loading at Hawley's Wharf,  
And will be clear to sail the 15th May, to be  
depended on.

For Halifax and Newberry, near Boston,

### The New Brigantine PEGGY,

FRANCIS RITCHIE Master,  
WILL be ready to receive goods and passengers  
on board at Greenock by the 10th of May, and  
clear to sail by the 10th of June.

The Peggy is a fine strong vessel of about 250  
tons burden, well calculated for sailing, and com-  
pletely fitted up for the good accommodation of  
passengers.

For freight or passage, apply to John Laird and Co. or the Master in  
Greenock.

N. B. Newberry is the nearest port to the state of Vermont.  
Greenock, 12th March 1785.

JOHN BALFOUR, Junior,  
HAS just imported from the INDIA HOUSE, and sells, at very mo-  
derate prices, the following TEAS, at his Tea and Paper Ware-  
house, foot of the West Bow, for ready money, viz.

SINGLO TEA, MIDDLE CONGOW TEA,  
BEST CONGOW TEA, BLACK TEA.

The Teas are warranted good of their kinds, genuine and unmixed,  
being in the original packages from India.  
Commissions from the country will be punctually answered.

### New Wholesale Tea Warehouse, Leith.

ALEXANDER PARK and GEORGE BROWN beg leave to in-  
form the Tea-dealers and the Public in general, That, in conju-  
nation with a society of respectable gentlemen in London, and with the ap-  
probation of the East India Company, they intend to establish a WHOLE-  
SALE WAREHOUSE in Leith, for the purpose of supplying Scotland  
with pure unadulterated TEAS of all sorts; free from every species of de-  
ception, and fresh from the East India Company's Warehouse; upon  
such terms as they are convinced the Public will approve.

The Warehouse is intended to be upon so extensive a plan as to be  
adequate to the supply of Scotland. A large assortment of choice Teas  
will always be kept on hand; by which means the Public will have an  
opportunity of supplying themselves with that article, upon their own  
judgments, without delay, and in any quantity not less than a chest.  
A parcel of Teas are now arrived at Leith, and may be viewed at the  
flores No 3. and No 7. in the entry down to the funds by the marble  
yard.—Very considerable quantities are soon expected.

All orders from the country directed to Alexander Park and George  
Brown, Leith, will have immediate attention paid to them

### Present Retail Prices of TEAS and SPIRITS, AT JOHN STURROCK'S WARE-HOUSE, HEAD OF CANONGATE.

FINEST Hyson Green Tea, 8s. Best Double Rum, 8s.  
Good ditto, 7s. Single ditto, 6s.  
Middling ditto, 6s. Best French Brandy, 10s.  
Single ditto, 4s. Good ditto, 8s.  
Finest Southong, 6s. Single ditto, 6s.  
Ditto Conge, 6s. Best Dutch Gin, 6s.  
Good ditto, 5s. Common ditto, 5s.  
Ordinary ditto, 4s. Rum Shrub, 8s.  
Good Bohea, 2s. Cherry Brandy, 8s.  
Ordinary ditto, 1s. 8d. Proof Whisky, 3s.

Port, Sherry, and Lisbon Wines, at 1s. 8d. per Bottle.  
N. B. Those who take whole chests of Tea, in the original package, will  
be allowed a considerable discount.

### HOSIERY,

Ten per Cent. under the usual Prices—Sold by

WILLIAM COULTER and COMPANY, real Manufacturers,  
facing the Cross Well, north side of the High Street, Edinburgh,  
who are supplied every day from their own looms with every article that  
is fashionable, of Silk, Cotton, Thread, and Worsted

### STOCKINGS.

Their present stock consists of a greater variety, by several thousand  
pairs, than ever was offered to sale in this city, and will be found equal  
to any imported.

They have just received from the bleaching, in complete perfection,  
a general assortment of thread and cotton stockings, well worth the at-  
tention of the public.

TO BE LET, for one or more years, as shall be agreed upon, and en-  
tered to at Whitfunday 1785,

### NEWBATTLE ABBEY,

Which is completely furnished; with the offices, gardens, pleasure  
grounds, and such of the parks as may be wanted.  
For particulars apply to Mr Ainslie at Newbattle, or Patrick Kerr  
writer to the signet.

By Order of the MANAGERS of the CHARITY WORK-HOUSE  
of Edinburgh.

THE DUNG of said House is to be exposed by public roup, upon  
Wednesday next, being the eleventh day of May, at four o'clock  
afternoon, at the Hall of said House; and that for one year, viz. From  
the 1st of July 1785, to the 30th of June 1786 years, inclusive.  
Not to be repeated.

To be LET for one or more years, as shall be agreed on, and entered to  
at or before Whitfunday next,

### THE HOUSE of POTTERHILL, at the east

end of the Bridge of Perth, with the office-houses, gardens, greens,  
and policy, which are nearly four acres in extent, as possessed by the late  
Mr Mercer sheriff-substitute of Perth-shire. The house is large and com-  
modious, consisting of a dining-room, drawing-room, parlour, and library  
on the first story, with bank cellars under it. The middle story con-  
sists of five bed-rooms, and the upper story of two bed-rooms and apart-  
ments for servants. And there is a back jamb, which contains a large  
kitchen, laundry, milk-house, and other apartments for servants. The  
offices consist of stables, barn, byre, brew-house, chaise-house, and other  
conveniences, and the whole is in complete repair.

The house is pleasantly situated on the rising ground at the east end of  
the Bridge of Perth, at a proper distance from the river; of which, and of  
the town, bridge, and whole country round, it commands a most de-  
lightful prospect.

There will likewise be LET, along with the house, &c. about ten acres  
of arable ground, part of which has been sown with wheat. One field  
is laid down in grass, and the rest is prepared for seed, which will be  
shown in the proper season.

For particulars apply to James Beveridge writer in Edinburgh, or James  
Paton writer in Perth.

### SALE OF LANDS IN PERTHSHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, E-  
dinburgh, upon Wednesday the 6th of July next, betwixt the hours  
of five and six afternoon,

The Lands of ACHLYNE, ARDCHYLE, and BLARENASKIE,  
with the pertinents belonging thereto, lying within the Lordship of Glen-  
dochart, parish of Killin, and sheriffdom of Perth.

The greatest part of the estate, which consists of rich extensive hill-  
pasture, as well as low grounds, is inclosed, and the farms subdivided with  
sufficient stone-walls. There is a great quantity of lime-stone on the  
lands, and abundance of fuel to burn it. The present yearly free rent  
is 262 l. Sterling; and as part of the lands are out of lease, the rents  
will rise considerably when leases are granted. The plantations upon the  
estate are extensive and thriving, and consist of a great variety of trees.

The mansion-house of Achlyne, built within these twenty years, is  
large, elegant and commodious, with a complete set of offices, executed  
in the most substantial manner, and fit to accommodate a large family.—  
It is situated in a most beautiful valley, close by the river Dochart, within  
four miles of the village of Killin, at the west end of Loch Tay. There  
is also an extensive kitchen-garden and orchard, well stocked with fruit-  
trees; and the lands afford proof of every kind. The estate holds of the  
Crown, and is valued in the cess-books at 214 l. 8 s. 4 d. Scots.—A great  
part of the price may remain in the hands of the purchaser, to answer  
two jointures upon the lands.

For further particulars, apply to William Leslie, writer to the sig-  
net, who will show the tacks, rental, progress of writs, and plan of  
the estate.

THAT although a Report has been circula-  
ted that JAMES TEMPLETON Writer and Messenger in  
Haddington was to remove to Glasgow at Whitfunday first; he is to  
Remain in Haddington, and carry on his business as formerly.  
Haddington, May 3. 1785.

WANTED TO BORROW,  
Upon undoubted Personal Security,  
FIVE Hundred or one Thousand Pounds Ster-  
ling.—Apply to James Buchan writer to the signet.

To be LENT at Whitfunday next,  
TWO THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING,  
either together or in two separate sums.  
Apply to Andrew Mackenzie writer to the signet.

ESTIMATES WANTED.  
A STONE BULWARK, of about 48 feet long, with Sluice Gates, is  
to be erected at St Andrews. Any person inclining to contract for the  
above work, will, betwixt and the first day of June next, lodge ES-  
TIMATES and their proposals, with the Town-clerk of St Andrews, who  
will, if wanted, give further information as to the work to be executed.

SEVILLE ORANGES.  
JUST arrived from St Lucar, a parcel of very fine SEVILLE ORAN-  
GES for Marmalade, to be sold in Chests, half Chests, or Dozens,  
at the Grocery Ware-room of WILLIAM KERR and COMPANY,  
above of Leith—Where may also be had, GRAPES in Jars, LEMONS  
in Boxes, and CHESNUTS in Bags, very cheap.  
N. B. BURTON ALE in cask or bottles, of the very first quality.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.  
TO be SOLD by public auction, on Tuesday the 17th day of May inst.  
The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE in the house in George's  
Square, which belonged to the late LORD KENNEDY.

ROUP OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.  
THERE is to be ROUPED upon Friday the 6th day of May instant,  
fourth door of the old Post House Stairs, Parliament Square,  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of Mounted Beds, Feather  
Beds, Blankets, Elegant Glasses, Mahogany Desks, Drawers, Tables,  
Chairs, Bed and Table Linen, Wilton Carpets, an excellent Jack, with  
other articles of kitchen furniture. To begin at 10 o'clock, and conti-  
nue till all is sold off, by Mrs Patterson.

Sale of Household Furniture at Leith.  
TO be SOLD by public roup, To-Morrow, being Thursday the 5th  
instant, The WHOLE FURNITURE in the house of the deceased  
Mr JAMES STRONG Shipmaster, Kirkgate, Leith, consisting of  
Mounted Beds, Feather Beds, Tables, Chairs, &c. with a good assort-  
ment of CHINA.  
The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon.

ROUP OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.  
THERE is to be SOLD by public roup, on Friday the 6th of May,  
in Hill's land, Shakespeare Square, A large Assortment of HOUSE-  
HOLD FURNITURE, consisting of Mahogany Desks, Drawers, Tables,  
Chairs, elegant Mirror Glasses, Desks, and Book Cases, Feather-Beds,  
Sheets and Blankets, Mounted Beds, and Carpets, a good Eight-day  
Clock; and Double Jack, &c.  
The Roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon, and continue till all is sold  
off.  
K. HAY, Auctioneer.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at the Marble Work, Leith, on SA-  
TURDAY the 7th day of May current,  
The whole STOCK of MARBLE belonging  
to the deceased Alexander Whyte marble merchant at Leith, consisting  
of variety of Marbles of all the different kinds, polished and unpolished.  
Also, a very handsome Ornamental Chimney-Piece. The sale to begin  
at eleven o'clock forenoon.

The Marble, &c. to be seen by applying to Mr James Whyte, at the  
Marble-work, Leith, with whom the articles of sale are lodged.  
N. B. The Marble Business still continues to be carried on by James  
Whyte, as usual.

TO BE SOLD,  
THAT AREA lying at the back of Baillie's  
Land, opposite the Magdalen Chapel, Cowgate, entering by Bail-  
lie's Close.

The Area extends to 90 by about 40 feet. There are upon it at pre-  
sent, a good Stable of three stalls, Hay-loft, and some laigh Houses, which  
yield upwards of 12 l. Sterling yearly rent.

This area, at no great expence, might turn out to good account, for  
many different purposes. For particulars apply to Mr James Marshall  
clerk to the signet. Not to be repeated.

### Grass Parks for Pasture at Prestonhall.

TO be roupd at Prestonhall, in the parish of Crauford, ten measured  
miles from Edinburgh, on Monday the 9th of May current, at e-  
leven o'clock forenoon,

Above a Dozen of GRASS FIELDS for Pasture, during the season of  
good old grass, well fenced, and plentifully supplied with water.  
They will be shown by David Wilson at Rossmains.

### INTIMATION TO CREDITORS.

IT is requested, That those to whom the deceased PIERRE LA-  
MOTTE, Teacher of Dancing in this City stood indebted at the  
time of his death, will immediately give in their claims to Lawrie  
Ingis writer in Edinburgh, one of his Trustees, when the same shall be  
discharged.

If such applications are not made between and Lammas next, their  
claims will be entirely cut out.

### INTIMATION.

AT the General Meeting of the Creditors of ANDREW MIT-  
CHEL late of London, Merchant, held at Edinburgh the 2d  
current, James Skinner writer in Edinburgh, was appointed interim fac-  
tor on the sequestrated estate of the said Andrew Mitchell in this coun-  
try. And another meeting of the Creditors was appointed to be held in  
the house of William Paterson inn-keeper in Pleasance of Edinburgh, on  
Friday the 3d day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of  
choosing a trustee, whereof this notice is given to all concerned.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edin-  
burgh, on Wednesday the 15th of June next, betwixt the hours of five  
and six afternoon,

ALL and Whole, these two and a half Huf-  
band-Lands of NEWTON of EILDON, lying in the parish of  
Melrose and County of Roxburgh, formerly belonging to the deceased  
Nicol Bower, portioner there. Also the Lands of LAWFIELD, lying  
in the parish of Bowden, and county forefard; as the same are all pre-  
sently occupied and possessed by Thomas Hay in Crnigielaw.

These lands lie contiguous, and are of considerable extent; they are  
pleasantly situated near the banks of the river Tweed, and the great turn-  
pike road from Edinburgh to London by Lander running through them,  
renders the access to lime on both sides easy and reasonable.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. William Riddell and William  
Charles Craigie writers to the signet, who have powers to conclude a pri-  
vate bargain.





From the LONDON GAZETTE, April 30.  
Whitehall, April 30.

THE King has been pleased to grant to Matthew Goffet, jun. Esq; the office and place of Viscount of the Isle of Jersey, in the room of Thomas Durell, Esq; deceased.

The King has been pleased to appoint James Stewart, Esq; to be Commissary Clerk of the Commissariat of Dunkeld, in the room of James Fisher, Esq; deceased.

The King has been pleased to present the Reverend George Todd to the church and parish of Eyemouth, in the presbytery of Chirnside, and county of Berwick, vacant by the preferment of the Reverend James Williamson, late minister there, to the parish of Whitekirk;

And to present the Reverend Donald Martin to the church and parish of Kilmuir, in the island and presbytery of Sky, and county of Inverness, vacant by the death of the Reverend Donald Macquenn.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 30.

On Wednesday last the Reverend Thomas Warton, bachelor of Divinity, and Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, was sworn and admitted into the place of Poet Laureat in Ordinary to his Majesty.

Hague, April 25. The States General have appointed M. Jean Henri Mullerus, Counsellor of the Court of Holland, Zealand, and West Friesland, to be Secretary to the Council of State.

Their High Mightinesses have appointed M. Martin Van der Goes, Secretary to the Magistracy of the Hague, to be their Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Denmark.

War-Office, April 30. 1785.

22d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Winkworth Tonge is appointed to be Lieutenant, vice Joab Aked.

40th Regiment of Foot, Robert Wadham Spragg, Gent. to be Ensign, vice — Jackson.

42d Regiment, 2d Battalion, Lieutenant Richard Darby, from the 10th regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice William Stewart.

60th Regiment of Foot, Ensign M. Perkins, of the 14th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Edward Davies.

64th Regiment of Foot, Ensign William H. Garnham, on half-pay in the 13th regiment, to be Ensign, vice John Marston. Captain William Gratton, on half-pay in the 64th regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice John Strong.

68th Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Marth, on half-pay in the 60th regiment, to be Ensign, vice John Wilson.

100th Regiment of Foot, Captain John Howorth, on half-pay in the 87th regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Richard Temple.

101st Regiment of Foot, Richard Stewart, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Robert Malcolm.

102d Regiment of Foot, William Earl of Ancrum to be Ensign, vice Denis Kelly Armstrong. Ensign James Kerr to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Stamford. Ensign Charles Lennox, from the 100th regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Andrew Armstrong. Volunteer Joseph C. Ellis to be Ensign, vice James Kerr.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, April 29.  
The Asia, Barton, from Africa, has parted from shore.  
The William and Mary, Light-foot, from Hamburg, is on shore on Chapman Head, about eight miles below Gravesend.  
Captain Ward, of the Little Joe, arrived at Liverpool, it is reported, took up the crew of the Providence, French, from Charleston to London, which foundered.

#### HOUSE OF LORDS.

FRIDAY, April 29.

COUNSEL were called to the bar, to be heard on the appeal, wherein Sir Hector Monro, K. B. and other burgesses of Nairn, are appellants, and Robert Forbes and others, burgesses of Nairn, respondents; when, after hearing the Lord Advocate and Mr Anstruther, the further consideration was put off till Monday next.

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, April 29.

LORD Mahon presented a bill for the better regulation of county elections; the same was read a first and second time, reported to the House, and ordered to be printed.

A petition from the Merchants of Brechin was presented, read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Irish propositions.

The following resolutions, presented from the Committee on the glass manufactory, were reported, viz.

That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the mode of collecting the duties upon plate glass, cast by the Governor and Company of British glass manufacturers, ought to be by weight upon the plates when squared.

That several other alterations and amendments are necessary to be made, in the act of the 13th of his present Majesty's reign, for incorporating the said Company. These resolutions were agreed to, and a bill ordered in.

A motion was made for leave to bring in a bill, "for allowing further time for the importation of goods, the produce and manufacture of the island of Tobago, upon payment of the British Plantation duties;" upon the question put, leave was given.

The Right Hon. Henry Dundas then presented a bill to regulate the office of the Treasurer of the Navy; it was read a first time, ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next, and to be printed. Mr Dundas observed, that his bill went so far to the regulating the accounts, as to prevent any Treasurer of the Navy from keeping in his possession any balance after his quitting the office; and also oblige them to make up their accounts at a certain limited period every year.

A short debate took place on the bill for prolonging to Lord Dundonald, his heirs and assigns, the benefits of an invention by which marine tar is extracted from sea-coal.

Lord Mahon thought rather that those who wished to profit from this most useful invention, should have to take a license from Lord Dundonald at a per centage, by which he would be benefited, and at the same time the public at large would enjoy the use of this new art.

Sir Adam Ferguson stated the extreme hardship of Lord Dundonald's situation, who had damaged his fortunes in the prosecution of science, and who had invented this useful art, by which the immense sum we had paid for vegetable tar to foreign countries would be saved.

The Earl of Surrey and Sir Herbert Mackworth spoke against the practice of granting patents which were monopolies. The bill was read, and a Committee appointed to enquire into the benefits of the discovery.

Mr Fox then made his promised motion, "That a Committee be appointed to enquire into, and state to the House, the annual nett produce of the several taxes, from April 5. 1775, to the 5th April 1785, of the several taxes now subsisting which were granted previous to the 5th day of January 1776, distinguishing each year, and stating the average of the produce of each tax, and also the produce of the several taxes granted since the 5th January 1776, for the year ending the 5th April

1785; and also the amount of the public debts, as they stood at the receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer on the 5th of April 1785, with the annual interest, and other charges payable thereon; and also, the amount of the Exchequer bills, navy, ordnance bills, and other unfunded debts, and to report the facts to the House, with their observations thereon."

In a speech of more than an hour and a half long, he entered into a minute detail of the revenue of this country for a period of ten years back, and the nett produce thereof from the year 1775, to the present year, both inclusive. He begged gentlemen to confine themselves to the above period, as it was to that alone he should direct his sentiments. He said, that the calculations of the Right Hon. Gentleman (Mr Pitt) were in the extreme erroneous, and without good grounds to support them. In order to convince the House of this, he begged they would recollect the calculations upon which he went; and the quarter on which he grounded those calculations, as containing one hundred and three days, exceeding the usual number of days a quarter contains by eleven and a fraction; this, he said, was an erroneous principle on which to ground a calculation for the year, as, according to such calculations, the year should contain a greater number of days by forty-four than at present.

The Right Honourable Gentleman had stated, that the nett produce of the revenue amounted, by his calculations, to 15,500,000 l. He thought this very fallacious; and from the calculations he had made, which every gentleman who now heard him was at liberty to examine, he would be bold to say the nett produce of the revenue would not amount to more than 14,000,000 l.

Mr Fox here entered into a detail of the different taxes, and the produce of them, beginning with the Customs, which he said were in such a fluctuating state as to produce sometimes more and sometimes less. The Excise Duties, according to Mr Pitt, amounted to 45,000 l. in that quarter; but gentlemen should remember, that this quarter was made to contain fifteen weeks, when it should not have exceeded thirteen. In like manner, the stamp duties on parchment, paper, bills, notes, receipts, &c. were erroneously calculated to answer the Right Honourable Gentleman's purposes. He also stated the deduction of salaries as very incorrectly stated. There were many other articles, he observed, which were equally erroneous; such as were of yearly value were inserted in the calculations to answer the Right Honourable Gentleman's end. Mr Fox entered into a variety of other calculations, in which he endeavoured to prove that the income of the revenue did not amount to a greater sum than 13,890,000 l. which differed from the calculations of the Right Honourable Gentleman near 1,610,000 l. The nett produce of the taxes he stated to be at 11,400,000 l. Mr Fox expressed his wish that the Right Honourable Gentleman was able to support his calculations by facts, as no man would more heartily rejoice at such an event than he would. But he wished, at the same time, that delusive hopes, founded only on desire, and not on facts, might not be held out to the people, at a time when they hoped something decisive would be done for their advantage by the Right Hon. Gentleman.

Mr Eden seconded Mr Fox's motion, to which he added some observations on the produce of the customs, and the probable increase thereof.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer agreed with the Right Honourable Gentleman in saying, that every idea of disguise on such occasions was pregnant with mischief, and great danger; and that to give delusive hopes to the Public, where such hopes could not be properly supported, was wicked in the highest degree. He was also happy to agree with him in saying, that to support the credit and consequence of this country nothing less than a fixed, permanent, and unalienable surplus for the establishment of a Sinking Fund, to the amount at least of 1,000,000 l. towards discharging the national debt, was requisite. He had ever been of opinion, that such an expedient was necessary, and to see such a fund established was the great object, to the accomplishment of which he always looked with the greatest anxiety, laying down as a general rule, that the sooner it could be effected the better. When he first opened the business he stated, that at that time he could not foresee whether it would be necessary to lay any additional burthens on the people by new taxes, to establish this sinking fund. He did not as yet perceive any necessity for having recourse to such an expedient; when he did, he hoped and trusted, that the Right Hon. Gentleman (Mr Fox) would exert his abilities with equal zeal in support of them, as he did now when there was no probable necessity. With respect to the present situation of this country, comparatively taken with the net produce of the taxes, every gentleman who perused the calculations, was convinced, that it was much better than some gentlemen would admit. The sinking fund had always been the collateral security for the loans that have been made during the war, as also for making up the deficiencies of former taxes, the payment of the expences of the current year, and the discharge of the interest of the national debt. When the original papers which are the object of the present enquiry were laid before the House, he had then stated, not decisively, but as probable conjecture, that such a fund as he now stated again might be established by the surplus of the expenditure of the revenue; for this he said there were such grounds as every reasonable man could conjecture from.

Mr Pitt then entered into a defence of his statement at that period, still insisting on it as practicable; there were such concomitant circumstances for this as would induce Gentlemen to calculate in the same manner. He denied his having calculated so as to make the year contain a greater number of days than it usually does. The reason of his having allowed to the quarter ending 5th of April 1785, a few days more than usually happens, was from the nature of the payment of the Stamp Duties, Customs, and Excise, into the Exchequer. Here Mr Pitt stated the several articles that appeared to encrease, such as the Customs, which in the last quarter had been much more productive than for many years back. The next was the East India duties, which in the same period had amounted to 4,700,000 l. The next great object of the revenue was the trade of the Baltic, which, from its nature and situation, could not, he said, be so productive in the spring quarter as in others. Under all these circumstances, the article of Customs could not be said to produce so much in the last quarter as in the subsequent. There was also another duty which he did not comprise in his calculations, and which, if he had included it therein, would make the net produce of the revenue 15,000,000 l. and upwards. He added many other articles tending to convince Gentlemen that his calculations were founded on just and proper grounds.

Mr Pitt next animadverted on the nature of Mr Fox's motion for appointing a Committee to examine into the state of the revenue, and report the same to the House. He could never consent, he said, to such a motion; for however laborious and disagreeable the situation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer might be, he should not be inclined to delegate power vested in him to Commissioners, while he held the office. It would be the Committee in that case, that should propose taxes, and not the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as would be only a nominal Chancellor so situated; nor would tend, in his opinion, to facilitate the business in the smallest degree: For all these reasons he should therefore oppose it.

Mr Fox explained.

Mr Burke made some few observations; as did Mr Sheridan, who entered into a large statement of the different taxes.

Mr Steele defended the calculations of Mr Pitt, as perfectly correct, and made without any intent to mislead the public.

Mr Sheridan said a few words in reply; after which the Speaker put the question, which was negatived without a division.

From the London Papers, April 30.

Vienna, March 13. Great uncertainty still prevails with regard to the issue of the controversy with Holland. The Emperor's sentiments on the conciliatory propositions of the States-General are kept profoundly secret. All that can be collected is, that war is more probable than peace; but when the theatre of contention will be, no one pretends to decide, though many are inclined to believe it will be in the Netherlands.

If credit may be given to letters from Warsaw, 30,000 Russians have arrived in the neighbourhood of Kiow, in the dominions of Poland. Some say these troops are on their march towards Moldavia; and others as confidently assert, that they are going towards Prussia.

Naples, March 30. The river Majuri, in the province of Salerno, lately exhibited a most wonderful phenomenon: In the middle of the river a large column of fire suddenly arose, being surrounded with a thick mist, and at the moment a dreadful noise was heard, resembling the discharge of several cannon. The column of fire instantly disappeared, and the waters, instead of taking their usual direction, precipitated into an abyss. To account for this extraordinary event will afford room for much philosophic speculation; but the most simple and probable conjecture is, that a subterraneous fire, communicating with Mount Vesuvius, escaped through an aperture it had made in the bed of the river.

#### L O N D O N.

The office of poet laureat, so judiciously conferred on Mr Thomas Warton, was the voluntary gift of the first personage in the kingdom, whose taste for literature is conspicuous among his brightest ornaments. What renders the honour still greater, Mr Warton not only never solicited the office, but never had the least expectation of it, till he received a letter from Lord Salisbury, commanding him to attend on Wednesday last to his hands.

We hear it has been debated in Council, that a message should be sent by his Majesty to the House of Commons, informing them of the expence his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had necessarily incurred in sitting up Carleton House, and making it a proper residence for the heir apparent to the Crown, and recommending to the Commons to provide for the same by a vote. The Council however did not come to any decision on the question, but adjourned the consideration of it for a few days. It is thought to be reasonable, that as Buckingham House is settled on the Queen, if she survives the King, and as Carleton House will not, in that case, cease to be the town residence of the Prince, when Providence (we hope at a very remote period) may call him to the government of these kingdoms, the public should be at the charge of fitting up a Royal House for our future Sovereigns. It is expected therefore, that before the Committee of Supply is closed this year, a message from his Majesty on this subject will be delivered to the Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Prince of Wales, in order to show that he is not devoted to any particular party in politics, but that he is possessed of a conciliating disposition, gave a grand ball and entertainment at Carleton House on Tuesday night, to which the principal Nobility and Gentry, in the interest of Administration, were invited. Among others present on this occasion were the Minister's near relations, Lord and Lady Camelford, who had never before been of the Prince's parties since the establishment of his Household.

The commissioners who feathered their nests so unmercifully last war, are about to be called over the coals; some of them are expected to yield 50,000 l. a man by this Treasury squeeze.

A memorial from the Court of Spain, complaining of some infractions of the late treaty of peace, is come over. It is said they complain in particular of a fort being built on the Muquito shore, garrisoned with British soldiers, on what is claimed by Spain as their territories, and that an illicit trade in mahogany, &c. is carried on, contrary to the late definitive treaty, which allows logwood only to be cut by British subjects. It is hoped this business will soon be amicably settled.

Letters from Charleston, South Carolina, dated March 30. mention, that Colonel Fanwick, a gentleman of considerable property in America, (being owner of the greatest part of St John's Island) had lately made application, in a legal form, to Congress, for the recovery of his estates, which had been sequestered for his attachment to the cause of Great Britain, during the last war; but that the members of the United States had decided against his claim, and directed his lands to be sold to the best bidder, in order to pay off part of the public debts.

The Peerage is to be encreased, in a short time, with the following persons, viz. Sir James Peachey, John Rolle, Esq; member for Devon, Lucy Knightly, Esq; late member for Northamptonshire, Marquis of Graham, member for Bedford; and it is believed there will be two, if not three, more added to the above.

In the House of Commons, on Monday last, the Lord Advocate of Scotland moved for leave to bring in a bill for regulating the jurisdiction of the Court of Admiralty, which, before the treaty of Union between the two kingdoms, was tiled the High Court of Admiralty of Scotland, and for discharging and abolishing the payment of fees and perquisites to the Judge of the said Court; and for the punishment of persons destroying ships. The question was put, and leave given.

Extract of a letter from Petersburg, March 26.  
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established at this place, of which the Empress is the patroness. The Czarowitz, Anna, and Kirschogtie, are the ships which are preparing here for the Eastern trade: the Captain of the first (Leake) is a native of Scotland, and the officers are mostly of the same nation; the others are all Russians. A number of English and French seamen are among the crews, the people of this nation being remarkably backward to engage on long voyages alone."

PRICE OF STOCKS, APRIL 30.  
Bank Stock, —  
3 per cent. Stock, —  
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, 73.  
3 per cent. com. 57½ a 2.  
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Long Ann. 1777 a 7-16ths.  
Short Ann. 1778, —  
South Sea Stock, shut.  
3 per cent. Old Ann. shut.

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April 29. S. E.

## EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, April 30.

"The negotiations that have been, for some time past, carrying on, for the forming a new Administration, are at length at an end; and it is now said to be determined, that the reins of Government shall remain for the present in the hands they are in; and all expectations are now given over of Mr Pitt's going out of office, at least for many months to come."

"The Irish propositions are expected to come on in the course of next week; and, if reports from the most authentic quarters are to be depended on, they are to be negative, and a fresh negotiation opened with the sister kingdom, for adjusting all commercial differences between Great Britain and Ireland, on principles more compatible with the general interests of the British empire."

"The general conversation is at present almost wholly engrossed by the late ludicrous affair in Westminster Hall, when the whole Court of King's Bench made a precipitate retreat upon a report that the roof thereof was coming down. John Gilpin has given place to this most recent, though not less laughable matter. The print-shops are filled with humorous and satirical representations of it; and a new piece, in which the whole matter, and several introductory scenes, are to be introduced, is announced at Covent-Garden Theatre, called, 'The Lawyers Panic; or, Westminster Hall in an uproar;' and another piece, founded on the same subject, is to be produced at the Haymarket Theatre, by Mr Colman."

James Abernethie of Mayen, died at Southampton the 27th ult. His friends and relations will please accept of this notice of his death.

Died, on Sunday last, at Sommerhall, near Edinburgh, Mrs Anna Bowie, spouse of James Hamilton, Esq;

Yesterday, died at Pollok, Sir James Maxwell of Pollok, Bart.

This day, a lugger, having on board 380 ankers, and 170 half ankers geneva and brandy, was brought into Leith as a prize. She was taken, two leagues off St. Abb's Head, by the Myrmidon sloop of war, Captain Drury commander.

The Friendship Packet, from Leith, arrived in the Thames on Tuesday the 26th April.

A sloop from Torryburn to Berwick, Taylor master, sunk on Friday off Skateraw; the crew got into their boat, and arrived at Dunbar.

From the present very favourable weather, the prices of all kinds of grain and meal are daily falling in our markets, to the great relief of the poor.

Yesterday, the Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale met here. The Rev. Mr Robertson at Ratho preached before the Synod, and the Rev. Mr Robertson at Eddlestone, was chosen Moderator.

The Synod had no business of a public nature before them, except making choice of the Rev. Mr Henderson, minister of Queensferry to be their Clerk, in conjunction with the Rev. Mr Hamilton, who has enjoyed that office for many years. The following are the Resolutions of the Synod of Ross, at their Meeting held at Tain on 19th ult.

THE Provincial Synod of Ross, taking into their serious consideration the great evils that have arisen to this Church from the rigorous exercise of the law of patronage as it now stands; the divisions in parishes, and secession from the present establishment; contentions and animosities among the people, of which it has been, and still continues to be, the unhappy occasion—did unanimously come to the following resolutions:

1<sup>st</sup>, They do sincerely regret the decision of the last General Assembly, declaring, That no alteration, in the manner of settling ministers, (viz. by presentations) is necessary; and in causing to erase from the annual form of instructions to their Commission, that clause by which they were directed to embrace any favourable opportunity that should occur for obtaining a repeal of the grievance of patronage, and hope the ensuing General Assembly will judge proper to alter the same.

2<sup>do</sup>, They are unanimously of opinion, that an alteration of this law, respecting the settlement of parishes by presentation, is of the utmost importance to the peace of the Church, and the interests of religion.

3<sup>do</sup>, That in order to obtain this most desirable end, it is highly necessary to have the concurrence and support of the landed interest, and Royal Boroughs throughout Scotland.

4<sup>th</sup>, In order to which, they appoint the several ministers in the bounds of this Synod to inform themselves particularly, as far as they can, of the sentiments and inclinations of heritors and persons of property in their respective parishes, and endeavour to point out to them the injury done to these gentlemen in their rights and interests, from the mode of settlement established by the present law, and to solicit their concurrence in any proper application to Parliament for an alteration in the same, and for having the act 1690 restored, vesting the election of ministers in the heritors and elders; and that they report their diligence herein to the Synod at their next meeting, in order to their taking such steps as may be judged requisite for obtaining the desired relief, in concurrence with their brethren the ministers, and other members of this Church.

Extract of a letter from Dumfries, May 3.

"Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwellton, Bart. having accepted his seat as member of Parliament for this county, by accepting the office of Knight Marshal of Scotland, he is now here conversing the county; and it is expected, he will be re-elected on Thursday the 12th inst. without opposition."

"On the 10th ult. the body of Mr Robert Rae was discovered on the muirs betwixt Leadhills and Waulockhead, where it had remained among the snow without any considera-

ble putrefaction since the 1st of January last, at which time he set out from Edinburgh to his father's house at Kirkconnel. — As his friends knew nothing of his intention of coming home, his loss was never known till his corpse was accidentally discovered after the thaw."

"On Saturday morning last, the wife of John Bryden, one of the present Bailies of Lochmaben, was safely delivered of three sons. — The mother and children are all in the way of doing well."

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, May 2.

"We hear from Balveny; that, on Tuesday night, a farmer's corn-yard and barn were discovered on fire, whereby two stacks of corn in the yard were consumed, and part of another, together with a considerable quantity of clean grain in the barn. A fellow was caught going over the dyke, and is strongly suspected to be the incendiary; as another farmer at a little distance had his houses, corn, and cattle, also burnt; and, at another farm, a stack of straw was set fire to, and consumed."

"On Friday the 22d, about four o'clock afternoon, a woman, of the parish of Kintore, going home from this place, was attacked in the dykes of Glasgoego, near the ninthmile-stone, by two men, and was cut and bruised by them, and robbed of all the money she had, being about 3 s. sterling. The men escaped by getting in among the woods there. There are two men suspected, who were seen in that neighbourhood, at several houses, that day, and who were seen that afternoon, about an hour after, on the way to Aberdeen."

"On Saturday the 23d ult. as some young men were playing at golf in the Links at Portferry, the ball unfortunately struck a young girl in the head, and fractured her skull, of which she died next morning."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, April 28.

"Letters from Lisbon of the 7th instant, by way of Cork, advise, that the Court, in order to counteract the proceedings of our Parliament in regard to the prohibitory duties laid on the produce of that country, imported into Ireland, had actually manifested a disposition not to intimate them, but to prohibit in toto every article from hence, corn not excepted; that on the arrival of a messenger from Dublin with intelligence of said proceedings, a cutter, or hayatto, had been dispatched to the island of Madeira; and it is said, with instructions to the Governor not to suffer any goods to be landed there out of vessels from the ports of this kingdom."

"Other advices say, that no later than the 13th of March last, the Portuguese minister had sent for several of the Irish merchants settled at Lisbon, and after examining them, as to the kind of Irish fabrics which, they alleged, used to be imported into that kingdom previous to the year 1780, it had been determined by that Court to admit them in future, and as long as Portugal wines here should not exceed 20l. 14 s. per ton; but that on the arrival of a messenger from Dublin, with an account of the Resolutions passed in our House of Commons, matters had taken a different turn, and it was the general opinion of the merchants there, that a total prohibition of Irish commodities would immediately take place in that kingdom."

"A letter from a respectable Irish house at Lisbon to a merchant in this city, says, 'So little do the Portuguese value the exportation of their wines to Ireland, that by only unroasting a single vineyard, as they have long since begun, out of each acre in this kingdom, which, amongst a multitude of proprietors can scarcely be missed, it would lessen the 3800 pipes, which were exported annually into Ireland, had they not Russia, Germany, America, and many other markets where to send them. On the other hand, the prohibition of butter, which is an article of luxury and not of necessity in Portugal, will be severely felt by you, and particularly affect the landed interest in the end. All hopes of an accommodation are now vanished, as it would be ridiculous in our countrymen to suppose, that her Majesty's ministers, after that, could, consistently with the dignity of her crown, treat or listen to any future negotiation, under the rod of your Parliament. Thus you have lost, not only the value of your exports to this country, to the amount of 180,000 l. but also an annual balance of 80,000 l. and upwards, which a little management might have increased to as much more, had not English influence interfered."

"Before the news of the prohibitory duties on the produce of Portugal reached Lisbon, several British houses had bought up great quantities of Irish butter on speculation; and according to advices from thence no less than 24,000 tubs of it were then in that market. — This plainly shews how early our British friends had got intelligence of what was to happen in Ireland. Corn from different parts, particularly from America, had arrived there in so great plenty, as to lie in the streets of that city for want of granaries to store it: Therefore, the idea of starving the Portuguese into compliance must be abandoned."

"We are assured, that last week a Privy Council was held at the Castle, in consequence of a proposal made by the British Cabinet to alter or modify one of the propositions, to render it more palatable to the people of Great Britain; when, after a long debate, the proposed alteration was reprobated by a large majority."

## SOUND SHIPPING.

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April 16. Mary of and from Kikkally, Malcolm, for Copenhagen, with coals.

19. Hero of Alton, Mercer, from Dunbarton, for Memel, ballast.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, May 3. Margaret, Ramsay, from St. Lucia, with wine, &c. — 4. Elizabeth and Margaret, Thomson, from Alton, with whistie; Baby Bee, Johnstone, from Fisher-row, in ballast; Ann, Kydd, from Wulbech, with grain; Fortune, Buchanan, from Laverkeithing, in ballast.

SAILED, Generous Mind, Knight, for Dundee, with goods.

## MEDICAL LECTURES.

By Drs DUNCAN and WEBSTER.

FOR THE SUMMER SESSION.

ON Monday the 9th of May, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, Dr DUNCAN will begin his LECTURES on the MATERIA MEDICA, at his Lecturing Room in Surgeon's Square. During this Course, Students will have an opportunity of examining Specimens, not only for the different articles, but also of their various preparations. The Fee of this Course is TWO GUINEAS; and the Fee for a perpetual pupil to all Dr Duncan's Lectures, is FOUR GUINEAS.

On Monday the 9th of May, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Dr WEBSTER will begin his Course of CHEMISTRY and MATERIA MEDICA, at the Dispensary in Richmond-Street. Examples of every process in the PHARMACOPŒIAS will be performed, and the whole made subservient to Medical Practice.

A few Gentlemen advanced in their studies, may be received as pupils for private practice, at the Dispensary, for a Fee of FIVE GUINEAS each, to the Funds of that Charity. These practising pupils will have an opportunity, under the direction of the physicians to the Dispensary, of preferring for patients, under a variety of diseases. Further particulars may be learned, by inquiring at Drs Duncan or Webster.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,  
A TAME MILCH GOAT, a MILCH ASS,  
or Small MILCH COW. — The first will be preferred.  
Apply to the Publisher.

## R U M.

TO be SOLD by Auction in Gibb's Coffeehouse, Leith, upon Friday the 13th current, at 12 o'clock noon, FIFTY PUNCHEONS of RUM of excellent quality. — Printed Catalogues will be distributed at the time of Sale.

PATRICK M'NIYRE, New Quay, Leith,

having betaken himself to the country on account of his health, begs leave to return his grateful thanks to his Friends in particular, and the Public in general for former favours — His Son, JAMES M'NIYRE, is to carry on the business, at the New Quay, as formerly, on his own account, and hopes Friends and the Public will find him punctual — This to commence at Whitunday first, at which period, debts due and owing must be settled.

A few Firkins of excellent Dutch BUTTER, with some CHEESE for Sale.

## A P P L E S.

JUST arrived, and to be SOLD in a loft opposite to the Weigh-house of Leith, and at the shop of Daniel Stewart, opposite to the foot of Forrester's Wynd, Cowgate, Edinburgh.

A Parcel of very fine ENGLISH APPLES, of various sorts, for table and kitchen use; LEMONS and CHINA ORANGES, &c.

The above Apples are warranted good, and will keep.

N. B. Commissions, with ready money, will be carefully answered.

Edinburgh Whale-Fishing Company.

2d May, 1785.

A General Meeting of the Partners are hereby required to meet at the High Council Chamber, Edinburgh, upon the first Monday being the 4th day of July next, at twelve o'clock noon, in terms of the contract of copartnership, for the express purpose to consider of the Dissolution of the Company. And as the contract bears, that the copartnership shall continue from its commencement until the same shall be dissolved by the joint concurrence and consent of so many of the Partners for the time, as shall be possessed and vested in the property of at least two thirds of the shares or stock of the Company; and that such consent to the dissolution can and shall only be given at a General Meeting of the whole Partners and Subscribers to be so called by an advertisement in both the Edinburgh newspapers, full six weeks preceding the Meeting, and that this copartnership shall not be dissolved in any other way. Therefore, the Secretary gives this public intimation, that all concerned may attend this General Meeting, when a state of the funds of the Company shall be laid before them for their inspection.

THO. WALKER, Sec.

## PERTH-SHIRE.

IN the first General Meeting of the Commissioners of Supply of the Shire of Perth, held this day, The Collector of the Land-tax having laid before the meeting a letter from the Receiver General, to him, dated the 14th current, informing him, that peremptory directions had come from the office for taxes in London, to the Receiver General, to settle his accounts in time coming quarterly, and to pay in his receipts accordingly; and, therefore, requesting the Collector to pay up the arrears of the Land-tax without delay; and that each quarter in time coming may be paid up within six weeks after it falls due, otherwise quartering parties will be ordered without further notice. And the meeting having been informed, that that there is now an arrear of two quarters due, they resolved, That the said arrear shall immediately be paid up; and that for the future, every quarter's cess shall be paid up within six weeks after the same is due. And they appoint this resolution to be intimated at all the parish-churches, and advertised in the Edinburgh newspapers.

Perth, 30th April, 1785.

## FARMS TO LET.

To be Let, and entered to at Martinmas next, SEVERAL extensive FARMS on the Estate of DUNNENALD, in the neighbourhood of Montrose. — These Farms are of a good soil, are in the highest order, and all inclosed.

There is a considerable lime-quarry on the estate, with a harbour, from which the tenants will have an easy carriage, and the lime free of duty.

For particulars enquire at Archibald Scott, Esq; the proprietor, at Ullin.

TO be SOLD, by public voluntary roup, in virtue of an act and warrant from the Lords of Council and Session, betwixt the hours of twelve at noon and one afternoon, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon the 18th day of May 1785.

One Twelfth Share of the Capital Stock of

Carroll Company, valued in the books of said Company at 13,750 l. Sterling, and to be set up at the said valuation.

The articles of roup to be seen in the hands of Robert Jamieson writer to the signet.

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of ALEXANDER EASTON Distiller at Seabegs, and JOHN EASTON Mason at Carroonmore.

ON the application of the said Alexander and John Eastons, with concurrence of certain of their creditors, the Lord Ankerville, Ordinary on the bills did, on the 3d current, sequestrate their whole real and personal estates situated within Scotland, and appointed their creditors to meet at Falkirk, within the house of William Deans vintner there, upon the 19th current, at 12 o'clock noon, to name an interim factor thereon, in terms of the statute.

Of which this public notice is given, that all concerned may then attend.

Inverness, 30th April 1785.

IN a General Meeting of the Commissioners

of Supply for the county of INVERNESS, there was laid before the Meeting a Letter from the Committee of the General Session at Edinburgh, together with Resolutions entered into by the Session upon the 18th day of August last, respecting PATRONAGE; and the same having been deliberately considered by the Meeting, they are unanimously of opinion, That the law of Patronage, as presently explained and enforced by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is a severe grievance, and adverse to the principles of a free Constitution; for as it often happens that the Patron has no property in the parish, lives at a considerable distance, is little acquainted with or interested in the state and condition of the parish, and is sometimes of a different religion from the Established Church — it seems unjust and impolitic that he should have the absolute and uncontrollable power of disposing to a whole parish the Pastor they should have, for instructing them in the tenets of Religion and Morality.

2<sup>do</sup>, It appears to the Meeting more consonant to reason and public expediency, that those persons, who bear the burden of the stipend and other accommodation, should be vested in some degree with the privilege of electing their own Pastor.

3<sup>do</sup>, That the restoring of the act 1690, would be insufficient to redress the grievance so much complained of, as that statute gives liberty to the congregation at large to state objections to the candidate presented by the Heritors and Elders, and lodges the ultimate power of determination in the Presbytery.

4<sup>th</sup>, That as Patrons will, no doubt, oppose any attempt to deprive them totally of a privilege they have enjoyed for near a century past, that, in place of abolishing their right, some mode should be adopted for preventing the exercise of it in an arbitrary and despotic manner.

5<sup>th</sup>, That a law declaring that no presentation should be admitted by the Presbytery till it has a concurrence of the majority of the heritors possessing 20 l. of valuation or upwards within the parish, would be a sufficient control on the exercise of the right of Patronage, and might be obtained without much opposition, as this is the plan presently followed by every patron who studies the tranquillity and prosperity of the parish; — and, as such an alteration of the law of patronage would be attended with the most salutary effects, this Meeting are resolved to join the other counties and burghs in Scotland, who are of the same opinion, in an application to Parliament, for having this object accomplished. And the Meeting ordain this their resolution to be published in the three Edinburgh newspapers.

Signed, in name, at sight, and by appointment of the Meeting, by their Prees. — (Sic. *significavit*.) ALEX. CHISHOLM, Prees.

Extracted from the Records of Supply, by ROBT. CAMPBELL, Clerk.



**UPSET PRICE REDUCED.**  
**Judicial Sale of the Lands and Estate of Cathlaw.**  
**TO BE SOLD**, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 22d of June next, between the hours of five and six afternoon,  
 The Lands and Estate of CATHLAW, and others, lying within the parish of Torphichen and shire of Linlithgow.  
 The proven yearly rent of these lands is, L. 161 19 0  
 And deducting the feu and teind duties, minister's stipend, and schoolmaster's salary, which amount to 2 6 10 4-12ths

There remains of free rent, L. 159 12 1 8-12ths  
 The proven value of the estate, was fixed at 22 years purchase of the free rent, L. 3511 7 0 8-12ths  
 But upon an application to the Court, the upset price was reduced to 20 years purchase of the free proven rent, being 3192 2 9 4-12ths  
 At which reduced price they are now to be exposed to sale.  
 There is a commodious mansion-house upon the estate, with suitable office-houses, all in exceeding good repair.  
 The greatest part of the estate is inclosed with thriving hedges, and stripes of planting. There are besides, several other thriving plantations upon the estate.  
 The title-deeds and articles, and conditions of sale, may be seen in the hands of Mr John Callendar depute-clerk of session; and further information will be got by applying to Francis and John Andersons, writers to the signet.

**JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS**  
**IN THE STEWARTRY OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT.**  
**TO BE SOLD** by public roup, (by authority of the Court of Session) within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 22d day of June, 1785, between the hours of four and five afternoon,  
 The following parts of the lands and estate which belonged to the deceased Colonel Patrick Gordon of Kingsgrange.  
**Lot I.** The property of the Lands of **WARDMEADOW**, lying in the parish and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.  
 The free rent of these lands is estimated at 81. 11 s. 11 d. 6-12ths, and the upset price, being twenty-two years purchase of that rental, is, L. 189 3 1  
**Lot II.** The Lands of **NETHER KILQUHANIDY**, lying in the parish of Kirkpatrick-Durham, and stewartry forefild.  
 The free proven rental of these lands, after all deductions, is, 125 l. 5 s. 4 d. 2-12ths, and the upset price, being twenty-three years purchase of that rental, is, L. 2973 2 11 10-12ths  
 The lands of Wardmeadow hold of a subject. The lands of Nether Kilquhanidy hold of the Crown, and afford a qualification upon the old extent. The proprietor has right to the teinds.  
 The estate consists mostly of a dry kindly soil; and although a good deal has been done in the way of inclosing, planting, &c. it is still capable of great improvement. It lies near the great military road leading from Carlisle by Dumfries to Portpatrick, within twelve miles of Dumfries, and about the same distance from Kirkcudbright, and within five miles or thereby of the port called "Dub of Hals," which is a convenient harbour for vessels of considerable burden, at which grain may be conveniently shipped, and lime imported from the English coast, at a very moderate expense, there being an excellent road between the estate and the Dub of Hals.  
 The articles of roup, &c. are to be seen in the office of Mr Alexander Stevenson, one of the depute-clerks of Session. And persons desirous of further information may apply to John Tait junior, writer to the signet, Edinburgh, agent in the sale; or John Clarke, junior, writer in Dumfries, factor upon the estate; either of whom will show the present and proven rentals.

**Sale of Lands in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.**  
**TO BE SOLD** by auction, within John's Coffeehouse, in Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 6th day of July next, between the hours of five and six afternoon.  
 The following PARTS of the Lands and Estate belonging to Mr Thomson of Ingleillon, in the following Lots, viz.  
**Lot I.** The four-merk lands of **MICKLEGLLEN** and **GLENEND**, and the three-merk land of **LITTLEGLLEN**, all lying in the parish of Kirkpatrick. The free yearly rent of these lands, after deducting public burdens, is 1521. 6s. 4d. but it is well known in the country, that they will admit of a very considerable rise.  
 There is a good house of four rooms on a floor, with garden and office-houses, on these lands.  
 The lands of Littleglen alone will entitle the purchaser to a freehold qualification in the stewartry, in consequence of an old retour; and the lands of Mickleglen stand rated in the valuation books at 165 l.  
 The upset price of this lot will be 3800 l. Sterling.  
**Lot II.** The twelve-merk land of old extent of **BORNESS**, lying within the parishes of Kirkanders and Bogue.  
 These lands have been set at the yearly rent of 120 l. upon a long lease, which expires at Whitunday next.  
 There has been offered, by a substantial tenant, 150 l. upon a lease for nineteen years, over and above payment of the minister's stipends, school-salary, land-tax, and all other public burdens whatever.  
 The teinds, which are bishops teinds, are valued by an old decret of valuation, and almost exhausted by the minister's stipend.  
 This farm is reckoned one of the best in the stewartry of Kirkcudbright, both in soil and situation. The upset price of it will be only 3300 l.  
 These lands afford a freehold qualification in the stewartry of Kirkcudbright.  
**Lot III.** The eight-merk lands of **WHITESIDE** and **CALLSIDE**, with the teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Anworth.  
 The present rent of these lands is 101 l. Sterling, and the tenants pay the whole public burdens. They are held blench of the Crown, and are rated in the valuation books at 150 l.  
 This lot will be set up at 2000 l. Sterling, being only twenty years purchase of the present rent.  
**Lot IV.** The Lanas of **FALBAE**, lying in the parish of Kirkpatrick; the present free rent whereof is 24 l. Sterling, and they are returned to a merk land of old extent, and will be exposed at 520 l. Sterling.  
 Mr Adam Thomson, factor upon the estate, will show the lands.  
 For further particulars, persons desiring to purchase may apply to Francis and John Anderson, writers to the signet; and Mr David Russell, accountant in Edinburgh, has powers to conclude a private bargain.

**TO BE SOLD.**  
**THE Lands and Barony of BARROWFIELD,**  
 with the Lands of CAMLACHIE, GATESIDE, SELKRIG'S ACRES, and some BOROUGH-ACRES adjoining to them, all lying contiguous, in the immediate vicinity of the city of Glasgow, Barony parish of Glasgow, and county of Lanark. The free rent of the estate for 1785, (including 110 l. Sterling per annum of coal lordship, and deducting the land-tax and all other public burdens) is 1121 l. 7 s. 5 d. Sterling, which rises considerably in 1786, and will continue to do so yearly, by feuing the land nearest Glasgow, for which there is great demand. The barony of Barrowfield holds of the Crown, and is valued in the cess-books of the county at 975 l. Scots.  
 There is a good mansion-house with proper offices, and a large garden inclosed with a high stone wall, and well stocked with fruit trees, upon the estate; about a mile distant from Glasgow; of which a purchaser can get possession at Whitunday 1786, and of 20 acres of land round the house at Martinmas next. The estate will either be sold together, or divided into lots, as purchasers offer.  
 For particulars apply to the proprietor at Glasgow, in whose hands the rental, progress of writs, and a plan of the lands are to be seen, or to Laurence Hill writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

**PERTH SALMON FISHINGS TO LET.**  
**THE** Magistrates and Town Council of Perth having resolved to SET in lease, for eleven, fifteen, or nineteen years, the whole SALMON-FISHINGS belonging to the community of the said burgh, upon the river Tay, consisting of the ten separate Fishings following, viz. The Weel of the West, Back Shot, Fourth Shot of the Ships, Sleepless, Over-Girdum, Nether Girdum, the Loch, South side Inshirret, North side Inshirret, and Inhyra or Balhepburn Insh, all set at present in six different leases; to be entered to upon the 11th day of December 1787, when the present leases expire; any person or persons inclining to enter into the said lease for any of the above-mentioned spaces, are desired, betwixt and the first Monday of December next, to lodge their proposals for that purpose, sealed and addressed to the Town Council, with Patrick Miller Town Chamberlain of Perth, specifying the tack-duty, and their sureties for payment thereof. And if any information is wanted as to the situation and extent of these valuable fishings, or the terms and conditions of the lease, they may apply to the said Town Chamberlain for the same.

**SALE of HOUSES at the Pleafance,**  
**Communicating with Nicolson's Street,**  
**BY AUCTION, AT LOW UPSET PRICES.**  
**ON** Thursday the 19th day of May next, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon, there will be exposed to public voluntary roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, in different lots,  
 The Three Upper FLATS or STORIES, with a Cellar to each, and the Garret Storey of that large Stone Tenement fronting the Pleafance, commonly called Frazer's Land, on the south side of the street, leading from the Pleafance to Nicolson's Street.  
 2dly, The TENEMENT lying immediately west of the said large tenement, and on the same side of the street, leading to Nicolson's Street, consisting of three flats, with a cellar to each, to be put up in separate flats or stories.  
 3dly, That STONE TENEMENT, consisting of three Flats and Garrets fronting the back row, lying immediately north of Gilmour's property, and on the south side of the north Street, leading from the back row to Nicolson's Street.

Each of the flats or stories of the tenement first mentioned, consists of four rooms, with a kitchen, closets, and a cellar in the back Court; to each flat, which are presently rented, only at 8 l. Sterling yearly, and the garret storey, consisting of three good rooms and closets, at 2 l. Sterling only.  
 Each flat or storey of article second, consists of four rooms, with a cellar to each.—The first flat, rented at 4 l. 14 s. including the cellar, not in possession of the present tenants; and the other two, at 4 l. Sterling each, including the cellar rent.  
 The ground storey of article third is divided by a passage or entry to the stair leading to the upper flats, and will be exposed in two separate lots or divisions, consisting of two rooms, besides a garret room to each; and the other two flats or stories, consisting of four rooms each, besides closets and kitchen, with a cellar and garret room to each, will be exposed in two different lots.—The present rent of the second flat, with the garret to be annexed thereto, is 9 l. 6 s.; and of the upper flat and garret to be joined to it 8 l. 15 s.—The rent of the half of the ground flat, possessed by John McDonald, with the garret to be annexed thereto, is 4 l. 18 s.; and of the other half, possessed by John Frazer, with its proportion of the garret, is 4 l. 14 s.  
 For the encouragement of purchasers, the different lots will be put up at no more than nine years purchase of the present rental, which is extremely low, and will rise considerably when the communication by the South Bridge is opened; especially that these subjects have a direct and agreeable access to Nicolson's Street, by the streets above described; that the Cracking-house is entirely taken away, and the foundation on which it stood to be immediately paved at the joint expense of the expor and another neighbouring heritor.  
 The subjects will be shown by the different possessors, and by Simon Frazer right in the neighbourhood, who will point out the different lots proposed; and George Innes Wright in Pleafance, will treat with any who may incline a private bargain before the day of roup.  
 The tenant in the third flat of article first being to remove at Whitunday, a purchaser may have access to the natural possession thereof, if not set before the day of sale. All the rest are tenanted.  
 The articles of sale and titles will be shown by James Frazer writer to the signet.

In the interjected space between the said tenements and Nicolson's Street, there are several good situations for building to be feued conform to a plan, in the hands of Mr Robert Burn architect, who will treat with any intended feuers. Several buildings are now going on, agreeably to the plan, in the centre of which there is to be a square open area, of 152 feet by 60. The remaining spaces to be feued will be shown by the said Simon Frazer.  
 The central situation, communicating equally with the two great avenues to the city from England and the fourth country in general, seems particularly well qualified for an Inn; and there is plenty of room for a court-yard, stabling, and offices.

**SALE OF LANDS IN GALLOWAY.**  
**TO BE SOLD**, within the Coffeehouse of Dumfries, upon Wednesday the 25th day of May 1785, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,  
 The Five-merk Land of **AIRDS**, of old extent; the Four-merk Land of **OVER HAZLEFIELD**; the Three-merk Land of **NETHER LINKINS**; and **LANDS OF BALCARRY**; all lying in the parish of Rerwick, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and paying the yearly rents after mentioned, viz.  
 1. Balcarry and part of Airds, set to Thomas Clark and others, on a tack current for thirty years after Whitunday 1778, paying of yearly rent, L. 52 10 0  
 2. Airds, possessed by William M'Brair, without a tack, at L. 92 10 0  
 From which deduct the stipend, L. 1 4 0 6-12ths  
 And feu and teind-duties, 1 6 0 4-12ths  
 2 10 0 10-12ths  
 There remains of free rent, L. 89 19 11 2-12ths  
 The above lands pay supply according to a valuation of 140 l. Scots, and will be exposed in two lots, if offers incline.  
 3. Nether Linkins, set to Patrick Sprout on a tack for nineteen years after Whitunday 1771, at L. 47 14 0  
 From which deduct the stipend, L. 1 4 0 6-12ths  
 And feu and teind duties, 0 11 5  
 1 15 5 6-12ths  
 Remains of free rent, L. 46 18 6 6-12ths  
 The above lands pay supply according to a valuation, of 60 l. Scots.  
 4. Over Hazlefield, set to John Kirkpatrick, William Graham, John Shennan, and James M'Naught, on tacks for 19 years after Whitunday 1778, and 1779, at 145 l. 2 s. 8 d.  
 These lands are liable for supply, according to a valuation of 90 l. Scots, and pay no stipend to the minister. The tenants pay all public burdens.  
 The lands last mentioned rise to 148 l. 2 s. 8 d. from Whitunday 1788; and to 154 l. 5 s. 6 d. from Whitunday 1793.  
 The above lands all hold of the Crown. The teinds are valued, and the proprietor has a right to a tack thereof, from the Deans of the Chapel Royal, current to Martinmas 1790. The lands are in general of an excellent quality, are well inclosed with stone dykes, and lie near the sea shore, from whence lime is easily carried to them. The farm houses are in good repair, having been built within these five years, and are mostly covered with flat roofs.  
 At the same time will be SOLD, A HOUSE-STEAD AND GARDEN behind the same, in the high-street of the burgh of Kirkcudbright, lying between the property of Messrs John Buchanan and William M'Whinnie, very proper for building upon.  
 Any person wanting to be further informed, or wishing to see the title-deeds, articles of roup, or tacks, may apply to Hugh Corrie writer to the signet, Edinburgh, or Commiffary Goldie, Dumfries.

**HOUSE TO LET.**  
**TO BE LET FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED.**  
**A** HOUSE within itself, being No 6. St Andrew's Square, New Town, consisting of dining-room, drawing-room, five bed-rooms, three garret-rooms, house-keeper's room, kitchen, and other conveniences; to be seen from twelve till two afternoon. Not to be repeated.

**SALE of LANDS near HAMILTON.**  
 There will be sold by public roup, within the house of Mr Clark, vintner in Hamilton, upon Friday the 20th current, betwixt the hours of eleven in the forenoon and one in the afternoon.  
**THE** Lands and Estates of **EARNOCK** and **LITTLE EARNOCK**, lying in the parish of Hamilton and shire of Lanark. These lands consist of 504 1/2 acres Scots measure, and amount in free rent to 398 l. 7 s. 5 d. 4-12ths Sterling yearly, valuing the lands moderately that are in the proprietor's natural possession; and when the present leases expire, some of the lands will rise considerably.  
 These lands are most delightfully situated about a mile to the south-west of Hamilton. The grounds are all completely inclosed, and divided into convenient inclosures, well sheltered with plantations, which are all in a thriving condition, some of them very valuable, and the grounds are all in excellent heart and condition.  
 Upon the lands of Earnock there is a large commodious mansion-house, with good office-houses of all kinds; and upon the lands of Little Earnock there is likewise a good commodious dwelling-house of a smaller size, covered with blue slate; and in the above rental there is no value put upon the said mansion-houses and office-houses, nor upon the woods and plantations upon the said lands.  
 The premises are held of his Grace the Duke of Hamilton for payment of 2 l. 4 s. 5 d. 4-12ths Sterling of feu-duty yearly.  
 These lands will be sold jointly or in lots; and for further particulars application may be made to Captain James Robertson, the proprietor, at Earnock, or to Samuel Mitchellson, jun. clerk to the signet, who will show the conditions of sale, the rental and progress of writings, and a plan and survey of the estate, and give information of the different lots in which the lands are to be exposed to sale, if not sold jointly; and Captain Robertson and Mr Mitchellson will be ready to receive offers for the above lands, or for any part thereof, and will sell the same by private bargain betwixt and the day of sale, if an adequate price is offered.

**SALE of a House, Policy, and Estate, IN GALLOWAY.**  
**TO BE SOLD** by public roup or auction, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 23d of June 1785, betwixt the hours of five and six in the afternoon,  
 The Lands and Estate of **MOLLANCE**, with the teinds, lying in the parish of Croismichael and stewartry of Kirkcudbright, comprehending the following lands, viz. Mains of Mollance and pendicles, Erne-Annady, and Flat Moor of Moat Park, Chappierne, Dubbydale, Halterne and pendicles, Upper Ironambry, Upper Clarebrand, Nether Clarebrand and pendicles, Garrington, Blackerene and pendicles, Little Dryburgh, Dunjarg, Meikle Dryburgh, Hilltown and pendicles, and Chapmantown and pendicles, containing in whole above 2336 acres Scots statute measure; and the free rental whereof, after all legal deductions, is 1036 l. 13 s. 4 d.  
 This estate is situated within twelve miles of Kirkcudbright, on the great military road to Ireland. The house is modern, large, and commodious, and with a complete set of offices, is in the very best repair. The situation is fine, commanding very extensive prospects of the adjacent country, which is remarkably pleasant and well cultivated. There is about 50 acres of wood in the policy, part of which is all grown, and part lately planted, and all in a most thriving condition, which, with the wood upon other parts of the estate, is estimated at above 500 l. Sterling.  
 The fertility of these lands is too well known to need description, and they are occupied by a set of as wealthy, industrious, and intelligent tenants, as any in that country; and the uncommon punctuality with which the rents are paid is the best proof of the lands being set at moderate rents. They are capable of great improvement by means of shell-marle, of which there is great abundance within the lands and in the neighbourhood. Coal and lime are brought by water-carriage within four miles of the premises, where also the produce of the lands may be exported.  
 The lands are all inclosed and subdivided, and the farm-steadings are all lately built, and in the best repair.  
 James Carter, overfeer at Mollance, will show the premises. For further particulars apply to James Stormonth, writer in Edinburgh; or to the proprietor at Blackwood, near Dumfries.  
 To any person wishing to form a considerable interest in that part of the country, this estate must be a desirable object, as it affords eight undoubted qualifications for electors of a member of Parliament.

**Upset Prices further Reduced.**  
**SALE of the ESTATE of ORCHARDTON,**  
**IN THE STEWARTRY OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT.**  
**TO BE SOLD** by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 20th day of July 1785, the roup to begin at five o'clock afternoon.  
 All and Whole the Lands and Estate of **ORCHARDTON**, lying in the parishes of Buitte, Kenick, and united parishes of Gelfton and Kelton, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.  
 This estate consists of 3267 acres of Scots measure, whereof there are 1690 acres of rich arable ground, and 1577 acres of excellent pasture. Almost the whole estate is inclosed, and the arable farms are subdivided with good fences. The farm-houses, which are timbered with the best foreign wood, and covered with slates, and office-houses, are in the very best order, most of them having been built within these few years. The tenants are in general men of wealth, and are carrying on great improvements by means of lime, marle, sea-shells, fleech, &c. with which the lands are plentifully supplied. The free rent of this estate is 1014 l. Sterling, after deduction of all public burdens, an addition of rent having been obtained upon such farms as have been let since the lands were first advertised for sale. Some of the tacks contain obligations upon the proprietor to furnish certain quantities of lime to the tenants, and to be at the expense of building dykes, &c. which are nearly all fulfilled, and the effect of which will be to secure a very considerable rise of rent upon the expiry of the present lease.  
 The natural wood on this estate is extensive, and the whole of an age fit for cutting. From a late appretiation it appears, that the value of the wood is upwards of 500 l. Sterling.  
 Upon the lands of New Orchardton there has been lately built a large, elegant, and commodious mansion-house, with a complete set of office-houses and houses for labouring servants, executed in the most substantial manner; in erecting and completing which buildings there has been expended upwards of 3000 l. Sterling. There is also a good garden and orchard, well stocked with fruit trees.  
 The house of Orchardton is delightfully situated near the bay of Hiltion, on the Solway frith, and has a commanding prospect of the coast of England on the opposite shore. Within the bounds of the estate are several good harbours, fit to receive vessels of considerable burden, particularly one within 300 yards of the house of Orchardton. From the bay near the house, the family residing there are at all seasons plentifully supplied with a variety of fish, which are taken by the servants without difficulty, by placing nets at low water. Among the many advantages which this estate enjoys, it may be remarked, that it lies in a country where the spring and summer are earlier than in any other place in Scotland, and the cold and other disagreeable effects of the east wind are scarcely felt.  
 The whole estate holds of the Crown for payment of small feu and blench duties, and stands valued in the cess-books at 1047 l. Scots, which, with two forty-shilling lands of old extent, entitles the proprietor to four freehold qualifications.  
 When the estate was last offered to sale, it was exposed at 25 000 l. Sterling. For the encouragement of officers, it is now proposed still further to reduce the upset price.  
 For further particulars enquire at the proprietor at Orchardton-house, William Keith, accountant in Edinburgh, or at James Baillie at the Signet, or from the writer to the signet, rental, progress of writs, and a plan and measurement of the estate. Any person inclining to treat by private bargain before the day of sale, may apply as above.